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## Jordan Valley dig gets surprise help



A view of the trench containing the complex commonly supposed to have been used for glass making. The smooth disc-like raise in the top right hand corner of the excavation looks like an oven and immediately to its left are the small round openings channels, possibly used for carrying water.



The Islamic burial ground that was uncovered by Mr. Suleiman last year.

### Moment of destiny

JORDAN IS LIVING out a moment of destiny, and comes to that moment with the strength and assurance gained from 30 years of living at the very heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

His Majesty King Hussein's wisdom, confidence and experience, which played the key role in producing the historic Arab consensus that arose out of last November's Baghdad Arab summit, has once again been sought out and made available in the current round of consultations on co-ordinating policy to confront the signing next week of the separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

His Highness Crown Prince Hassan's analysis of the security dangers inherent in the peace treaty, first published in the Jordan Times yesterday, has been picked up and broadcast by news agencies around the world.

In Washington and the capitals of Europe, particularly, there is intense interest in where Jordan stands at this portentous moment. The Western tendency to "compartmentalise" countries or leaders according to either the wishful thinking or blind insensitivities inherent in Western policy, is suffering a severe blow as a result. This is so not because Jordan is pursuing a policy contrary to those interests, but because it is standing up and telling those powers that their priorities are dangerously wrong, and that those self-same interests will suffer as a result.

Jordan has provided meticulous documentary evidence to support its firm belief that the Camp David formula will lead not to the peace that President Carter so fervently seeks, but to decades of uncertainty during which an intrinsically expansionist Israel will be able to pursue its expansionist tendencies with impunity. King Hussein has warned of the "psychological and strategic gap" which the treaty will create. Prince Hassan has spelled out the contradictions in the fact that the treaty will hand Israel short-term security gains at the expense of the long-term security interests of Arab and Western states alike.

These two leaders speak from their nation's heart. Evidence of that is the one-hour symbolic work stoppage which Jordan's professional associations and trade unions have commendably planned for next Monday, when the treaty is expected to be signed.

Jordan cannot be taken for granted. It can be counted on to look after its own national interests above all, and to work harder than ever for the sacred Arab national rights of which it has become a seasoned champion.

By Breda Finegan  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 22—An archaeological excavation in the Jordan Valley is not such an unusual happening these days—except when it is being done at the request of and with the financial backing of a private company not even remotely connected with archaeology.

To the astonishment and delight of the Department of Antiquities, Amiantit Jordan Company Ltd. actually offered to finance excavations work on a site uncovered accidentally last year at the Amiantit asbestos cement and plastic pipe factory near the Dead Sea.

In doing so Amiantit becomes the first company to have engaged in what Dr. Adnan Hadidi, the Director of the Department of Antiquities, calls "industrial-archaeological cooperation."

Miss Alison Betts, a pre-historian who is spending the best part of this year as the senior scholar at the British Institute at Amman for Archaeology and History, has just returned to Amman after directing the latest digging operation at the site, called Tel Sarabit (meaning mound of the little columns), for the past five weeks.

An early examination of some pottery shards uncovered by the department last year seemed to indicate that the site could date back to the Chalcolithic period

(4,500-3,300 B.C.). This judgement was supported by the fact that Teleilat Ghassul, famed as one of the best examples of the Chalcolithic period, lies only a few kilometres down the road.

Miss Betts admits to being a "bit disappointed" at not finding any more Chalcolithic remains but is excited about some very lovely glass pieces, including delicately worked glass handles, discovered at what obviously was an industrial complex of some sort.

Although it has been suggested that this complex could have been a sugar factory the favoured speculation at the moment seems to be that it was a glass factory.

Amiantit employees who have been closely following the progress of the dig are intrigued at finding out that they are not part of the first enterprise to set up base in the wasteland of one of the lowest spots on earth.

Mr. Jad Hubeishy, District Manager of Amiantit Jordan, told the Jordan Times this week that Amiantit is eager to cooperate with the Department of Antiquities because as a relatively new venture in Jordan: "We are always looking for expansion opportunities and the sooner we find out if the land can be used or not the better it will be for us. On the other hand, if something really interesting and important were to be uncovered we would be just as happy to have contributed to the excavation work."

Although the land being exca-

vated will only be used to store stacks of asbestos cement bags and plastic pipes in the near future it is quite possible the factory will expand sometime in the future and need the land containing antiquities.

The first work at Tel Sarabit took place last summer when a team from the department headed by Mr. Imseif Suleiman opened two trenches on the west side of the mound. The cost of this work, as well as the cost of the most recent work done under Miss Betts direction was borne by Amiantit.

The two trenches opened by Mr. Suleiman revealed the industrial complex and an Islamic burial site.

During the latest dig, Miss Betts opened a new trench which she hoped would bring to light the best remains because of its centrality on the mound which is now almost worn flat from erosion and which could not be recognised as an archaeological site by an inexperienced eye.

The only things this trench has revealed are a series of stone walls, probably domestic walls, which contain some re-used stones.

Miss Betts also continued work on the trench containing the

industrial complex. It was here that she found nice finished glass pieces and some bronze pins. Just two days before she was due to pack up, down tents and head back for Amman a stone well was uncovered in the same trench with water channels connecting to the rest of the complex.

Although Miss Betts thinks it quite likely to have been a glass factory she would have been more convinced had she found lots of waste glass pieces as well as the finished pieces.

Dr. Hadidi was impressed by Miss Betts' near excavating and expects a report of the results in a week or so. It is on this report that the department will base its decision to whether the site should be protected or whether Amiantit can continue work.

Miss Betts thinks there is probably nothing more of value to be obtained from the site but the last word will be from the department which may conceivably decide to fence the site off pending one final period of work there.

All Miss Betts' finds so far have been dated to the Ayyubid-Mamluk period (11th, 12th and 13th centuries). The previous dig at the site brought to light artifacts of other periods.

The absence of any real evidence of dwellings could be

because houses in the Jordan Valley tended to be—and still are—made of mud brick which would have been eroded away over the years leaving no remains, Dr. Hadidi said.

The Department of Antiquities commended Amiantit's initiative as "wonderful" and hopes may set a precedent for cooperation with other companies in the future.

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### ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I THURSDAY says that the lack of Arab coordination and independent Arab strength are factors which compelled President Sadat to press forward with his plans to conclude a separate peace treaty with Israel.

Unfortunately, the paper continues, the same circumstances are still prevalent in the Arab World, and it is this fact which His Majesty King Hussein will be discussing with Saudi leaders in Riyadh. The Arabs are invited to change the present status quo, otherwise there will be new disasters.

The oil-producing countries which constitute an easy prey for the enemy, are called upon to shoulder their responsibilities and lend more support to Jordan, the paper adds. So long as Jordan remains strong, the security of these countries will be assured, it says.

The bilateral treaty will be signed, and the Arabs ought to prepare themselves for negative repercussions, the paper concludes.

AL DUSTOUR says that the United States, which succeeded in talking Egypt into abandoning the Arabs, has so far failed in dealing with the real core of the Middle East problem, namely the Palestinian issue.

Washington has created a rift in Arab ranks, yet it is not satisfied with what it has done. It is either trying to drag more Arabs into the Camp David coalition or attempting to neutralise some Arab states either through persuasion or intimidation. Recently U.S. Senator Frank Church, the paper continues, came up with a new U.S. technique designed to force Jordan to submit to the will of Washington: Senator Church has suggested suspending U.S. aid to Jordan, although he knows well that exercising pressures on the Arabs will not succeed in dividing them.

Arab resistance to U.S. pressures does not mean that they are opposed to peace. Rather it means that they are against any action which jeopardises their right to adopt a nationalistic stand to protect themselves against capitulation, which Washington is trying to impose on them, the paper concluded.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying a photo exhibit on "80 Years of French Cinema" during regular hours.

FRANCE FILM

The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Valerian Borowczyk entitled "Blanche". The film starts at 7:30 p.m.

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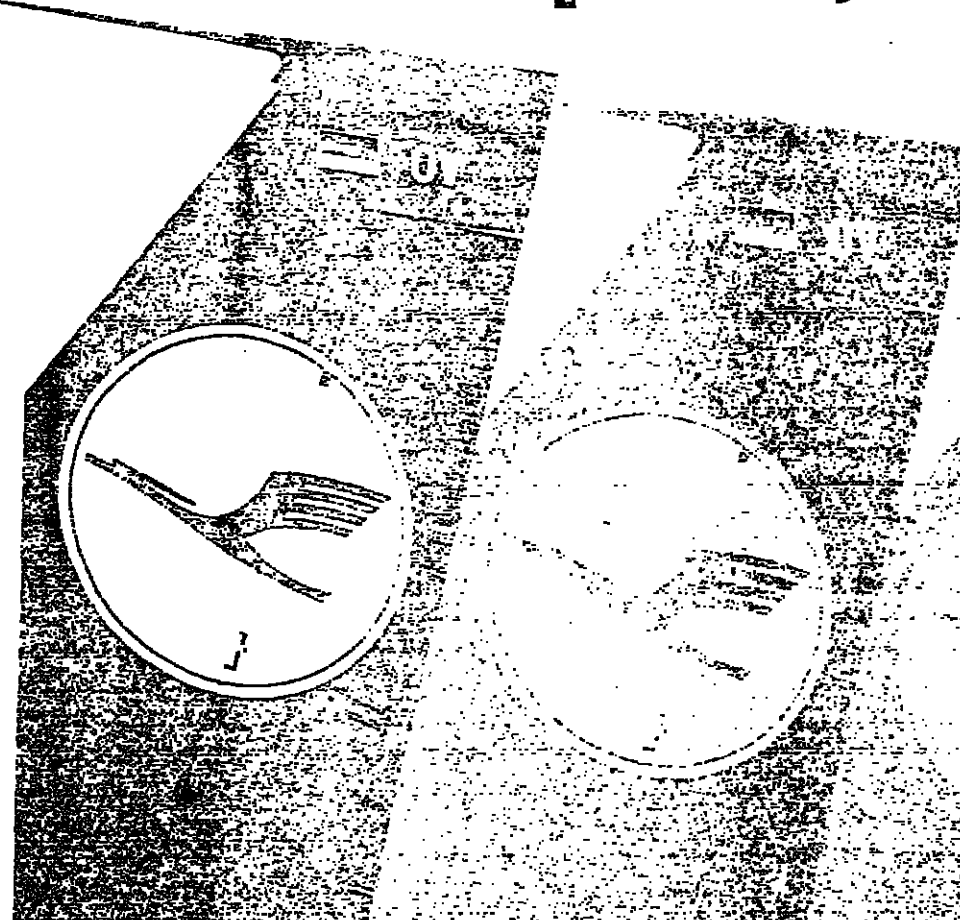
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## Amman Weekly Calendar

(Week of March 23 - 29)

### EXHIBITION

The exhibition of photos and posters commemorating the 100th anniversary of the French cinema is on at the French Cultural Centre until the end of March. The exhibition is open during regular hours.

### CONCERT

March 26: The Goethe Institute presents a piano recital by Haya Arts Centre at 7:30 p.m. Ulrich Meekies will perform by Beethoven.

### FILMS

March 23: The French Cultural Centre presents a film Borowczyk entitled "Blanche" (1971), starring Liza Brancie and Jacques Perrin. The film is black and white with Arabic subtitles, and begins at 8:00 p.m. at the same time on Saturday and Sunday.

March 27: The Goethe Institute presents a film by the French director and producer, Jean-Louis Bally, entitled "Das Messer im Rücken" (1975), starring Helmut Lange. The film is in colour and is in English. It starts at 8:00 p.m.

March 29: The Goethe Institute presents two children's films. The first film is on this year's GCE film festival, "The White Bird" (1978), directed by Jean-Louis Bally. The second is a black and white film entitled "Musik" (1958), and is in Arabic.

### DOCUMENTARY FILMS

March 26: The last three films showing at the French Cultural Centre are on the history of the French cinema continue with "L'Art de la Cinéma" showing at 6:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, at the same time on Wednesday, the film is "Tradition de qualité."

### LECTURES

March 24: In cooperation with the Faculty of Technology of the Jordan University, the Centre presents a lecture on town planning by German architect Ulrich Schaffitzel entitled "Developing Countries and Goals" at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Schaffitzel will give a lecture on SUNDAY, March 25, entitled "Zoning, Planning and the Image of the City" at 11:00 a.m. Both lectures take place in lecture room C 206 at the Faculty of Technology.

March 28: The Spanish Cultural Centre presents Mr. Tarik Sharif of the Institute of Art in Damascus, lectures on Goya (in Arabic) at 7:00 p.m.

### EXCURSION

March 25: The Friends of Archaeology are going on a tour in the Jordan Valley, starting out from the Dept. of Archaeology at 9:00 a.m. The first stop is Tell Deir Alla, with Dr. Ibrahim and Dr. G. van der Kooij conducting the tour, and stop is Tell Mazar, with the tour conducted by Dr. Ibrahim.

## Tourism ministry to have Aqaba master plan made

By Terry McBryde  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 22—Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities has begun negotiations with a consultant company for a master plan on tourism development of the Jordanian coast south of Aqaba, a ministry official told the Jordan Times on Monday.

A previous study dealt with the divisions of the southern coast into zones for industrial, maritime and tourism projects. Five and one-half kilometres were designated for tourism development, Director of Planning and Development Abdul Khader Shuman said.

The new study will include plans for a public beach, restaurant, catering, campgrounds, hotels, flats and showers. To develop domestic tourism of Jordanians going to Aqaba the plan would provide for furnished flats with kitchens to be rented at a lower cost than hotel rooms. The operation

expense of the flats would be less than that required for hotels where more personnel are necessary.

The greatest expense for Jordanians going to Aqaba is food, Mr. Shuman said. The flats would allow them to cook their own meals at considerable savings.

The agreement for the study is expected to be reached in a couple of months and the study itself should take about 13 months for completion.

Private companies will then have to invest according to the new plans. For example, private companies could lease land for building and running the flats. A residential village for workers in the industrial and tourism fields will also be located in the zone designated for tourism development.

After the study is completed the government will install electricity, water and sewerage.

By Rami G. Khouri  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 22—Jordan this month made regional history as a humanitarian sort when it became the first of the Middle East, confrontation states on either side of the Arab-Israeli conflict to invite a team from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to visit and inspect all places of detention in the country.

A communique about this matter was issued simultaneously in Amman and Geneva this week naming the ICRC delegation, rehabilitation and correctional centres in Jordan that were visited by the Red Cross team.

The head of the ICRC delegation in Jordan, Mr. Nicolas de Rougemont, who is permanently based in Amman, told the Jordan Times here today that his visits to the 16 centres over a period of one month "went very smoothly" and that he had enjoyed very good and full cooperation from both civilian and military authorities in Jordan.

The significance of these visits is that they mark the first time that any of the states in the Arab-Israeli conflict have invited the ICRC to visit all its detention and rehabilitation centres, and to have full freedom of access to all the detainees, whether of that state's nationality or otherwise.

In most cases, the ICRC only visits prisoners of war who are usually of a different nationality than that of the country in which they are being detained. But the visits here allowed the Red Cross doctor and interpreter, to speak privately with all Jordanian and non-Jordanian detainees.

As is usual in such Red Cross visits, Mr. De Rougemont said, the ICRC team made a detailed report on physical and psychological conditions in the detention, rehabilitation and correctional centres, with precise details on such matters as the capacity of the centres and their actual number of detainees, the quarters of the detainees for sleeping and normal daytime activities; hygiene and medical facilities; food and canteen facilities; clothing; work opportunities; leisure and physical exercise opportunities; reading and study opportunities; relations with the outside world, such as letters, visits and parcels; treatment and discipline, and religious observance.

The ICRC team also talked privately with the detainees it wanted to see and investigated complaints that detainees asked to be officially transmitted to the Jordanian authorities. Visits always started and ended with detailed discussions with the directors of the detention centres.

A verbal report has been given by the ICRC to concerned Jordanian ministers and other national authorities, and a detailed written report will follow soon. The verbal report made during the past month includes the "observations, remarks and suggestions" of the Red Cross delegation.

Following is the official English-language text of the statement issued simultaneously by the Jordanian government in Amman and the ICRC in Geneva, Switzerland.

## International Red Cross team interviews detainees in Jordan

At Jordan's invitation

"The concerned authorities of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan have invited the International Committee of the Red Cross, in accordance with its traditional humanitarian activities, to visit all places of detention in Jordan."

"Consequently, the following visits were carried out by a team of ICRC delegates, including a doctor-delegate and an ICRC interpreter:

-Mahatta Rehabilitation and Correctional Centre: 8, 9, 10 and 11 February 1979.  
-General Intelligence Department in Amman: 10 February.  
-Zarka Military Prison: 11 and 12 February.  
-Madaba Prison: 14 February.  
-Karak Prison: 15 February.  
-Tafleh Prison: 15 February.  
-Mafraq Prison: 17 February.  
-Aqaba Prison: 18 February.  
-Salt Prison: 22 February.  
-Jerash Prison: 23 February.  
-Mafraq Prison: 26 February.  
-Irbid Prison: 27 and 28 February.  
-Kura Prison: 1 March.  
-Ajlun Prison: 1 March.  
-Ruseifah Police Prison: 11 March.

## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	5,198	—	6,930	6,930
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	371	14,800	14,900	14,700
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	2,013	2,140	2,150	2,140
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	5,777	20,200	—	20,200
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	431	1,150	1,160	1,150
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	848	10,050	1,060	10,060
Dar Al-Awda Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	6,429	2,200	2,350	2,220
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1,360	1,360	1,380	1,360
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	505	10,100	10,150	10,100
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	1,680	690	710	700

Total volume traded, Thursday, March 22: JD 24,612  
Total number of shares traded: 9,528

Government Development Bonds	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
JD 5,000	4,261,850	850	79	5.015	5.015
JD 5,000	1,238,780	241	80	5.140	5.140
JD 5,000	510,000	100	85	5.100	5.100
JD 10,000	406,800	40	88	10.170	10.170

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Total number of bonds traded: 1,231

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# JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Basketball Roundup

NEW YORK, March 22 (AP) — The Washington Bullets downed the New York Knicks Wednesday 119 to 106. Although missing two starters and their top reserve, the Bullets rallied behind Elvin Hayes' 30 points and 22 rebounds to beat the Knicks. Kevin Grevey, Bobby Dandridge and Mitch Kupchak all missed their second straight game but Greg Ballard and Dave Corzine each chipped in with 15 points as the Bullets won their fourth in a row. Toby Knight led the Knicks with 21 points.

In other games, the Pacers topped the Bulls 114 to 105. Billy Knight led six Pacers in double figures with 24 points. The Pacers took a 31-30 lead with 10 seconds remaining in the first period and never trailed again. Mike Bantom added 17 points to the Indian attack while Artis Gilmore led the Bulls with 25 points.

San Antonio Spurs 123, Kansas City Kings 116. San Antonio's defeat of Kansas City in the battle of division leaders snapped a four-game losing streak. The Spurs were led by George Gervin and Larry Kenon, who scored 24 and 23 points respectively.

Philadelphia 76ers 114, Houston Rockets 108. The Sixers completed a rare sweep of the Texas teams, snapping the Rockets' four-game winning streak. Philadelphia had beaten San Antonio Tuesday night. Julius Erving scored 22 points, eight in the final quarter, to lead the sixers, who blocked 16 Houston shots while recording their fourth victory in their last five games. Moses Malone led the Rockets with 26 points and 21 rebounds, both game highs.

Phoenix Suns 134, Boston Celtics 115. Walter Davis, Paul Westphal and Alan Adams combined for 84 points as the Suns swamped the Celtics, who played without player-coach Dave Cowens. Phoenix built a 22-point lead midway through the second quarter and coasted the rest of the way.

San Diego Clippers 106, Golden State Warriors 103. Lloyd Free hit the 30-point mark for the 14th time this season and became the second player to reach the 2,000 point mark as the Clippers sailed past Golden State.

Free finished the game with 35 points while rookie Raymond Townsend of the Warriors doubled his previous career high, scoring 24. The loss mathematically eliminated Golden State from the playoffs.

Portland Blazers 114, Los Angeles Lakers 110. The Blazers beat Los Angeles as Maurice Lucas' jump with 14 seconds remaining proved the margin of difference. The Blazers committed just eight turnovers, one in the entire second half, as they improved their road record to 9-27 on the season and their overall mark to 39-33.

## Olympics president warns against apartheid debate

LAUSANNE, March 22 (AP) — The President of the International Olympic Committee, Lord Killanin, warned Thursday that a United Nations debate on apartheid in sports might "threaten the unity of the Olympic movement." In a press statement, Mr. Killanin said U.N. consideration of a proposed draft for an international convention against apartheid could lead to wide-

spread discrimination on political grounds. The convention, the statement said, would forbid any athlete, team or individual to compete with South Africa or Rhodesia. Although the I.O.C. has withdrawn recognition of both countries, Mr. Killanin said that approval of the convention "could open the door to pressures exercised by governments...in order to boycott or refuse their teams to participate in competitions on political grounds. This could threaten the unity of the Olympic movement and, in the I.O.C.'s opinion, weaken the forces opposing racism and apartheid." The Killanin statement said. Stressing the I.O.C. has opposed racism and apartheid in sport, the statement warned that withdrawal of a delegation, team or individual entered for the Olympic games "shall constitute a breach of the I.O.C. charter." In this event, it added, national Olympic committees face suspension. "This is why the I.O.C. would once again like to draw the attention of the national Olympic committees to the necessity of observing the Olympic rules, which forbid discrimination on the grounds of race, religion and politics," the statement concluded.

## France criticised for inviting S. African rugby teams

PARIS, March 22 (R) — France runs the risk of sporting isolation if the government does not withdraw invitations for two South African rugby teams to tour here this year, anti-racism campaigner Albert Levy said today. Mr. Levy, General Secretary of the French movement against racism (MRSP), told a press conference the group planned to pressure the government to dissociate itself from the French Rugby Federation's plans to receive a Transvaal selection next month and the Springbok national side in October. Sam Ramsamy, President of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (SAN-ROC), said both touring sides would be "all white teams with a few token blacks included to defuse opposition to the tour." Mr. Ramsamy, who lives in exile in London, said he came to Paris to lobby Sports Minister Jean Pierre Soisson in the hope of persuading the French authorities to force cancellation of the visits. "We will do everything possible to stop these racist teams coming," he said, adding that if the tours took place African countries could boycott the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games or force France to withdraw. "We are very, very worried by the fact that, if these tours take place, the world's sporting spotlight will be focussed on France on the eve of the Moscow games," Mr. Levy said. "By standing alongside the South Africans," France is isolating itself from world sport," he added. The President of the French Rugby Federation, Albert Ferrasse, said in an interview this week that the Springbok tour would take place as planned this autumn, on condition that black and coloured players were included in the squad. In a state radio broadcast beamed to Africa, Mr. Ferrasse discounted the possibility of an African Olympic boycott. He said he would only agree to call off the Springbok tour if the government banned it. Earlier this year, Mr. Soisson said the government would not intervene to prevent the South Africans coming. But Mr. Ramsamy said he handed in a letter to the Sports Ministry yesterday, and was assured that Mr. Soisson would consider SAN-ROC's argument.



Guy Ligier

PARIS — The Argentine Grand Prix: first, Jacques Laffite; fourth, Patrick Depailler, both in a Ligier; Brazil Grand Prix: first, Jacques Laffite; second, Patrick Depailler.

The fine beginning to the season in "formule 1" gave French drivers a double triumph and enabled Jacques Laffite to become the driver with the most titles in the French Class 1 when he won his third success.

This French success is the fruit of a remarkable teamwork around the two drivers, carried out by the boss of the racing stable, the sporting director and his assistants, the mechanics and the manufacturer. It is also perhaps—and above all—the success of one man.

With his wide, stubborn forehead, his boxer's flat nose and solid build of the rugby player he used to be, he even played in France's "B" team. Guy Ligier has succeeded in the last few years in imposing his stocky silhouette and his receding hairline in the Formula one racing world.

Before coming to car racing, Guy Ligier was already an experienced sportsman: rugby, rowing (one title as champion of France), and motor-cycling (French champion for 500 cc in 1958). With the little money he won as motorcycle champion, he bought a mechanical shovel and in a few years, built up a public works business: 1,200 workers and 500 ear-

# A craftsman who became race king

thwork machines. In 1971, he was obliged to close the business but, two years earlier, he had already built his first car.

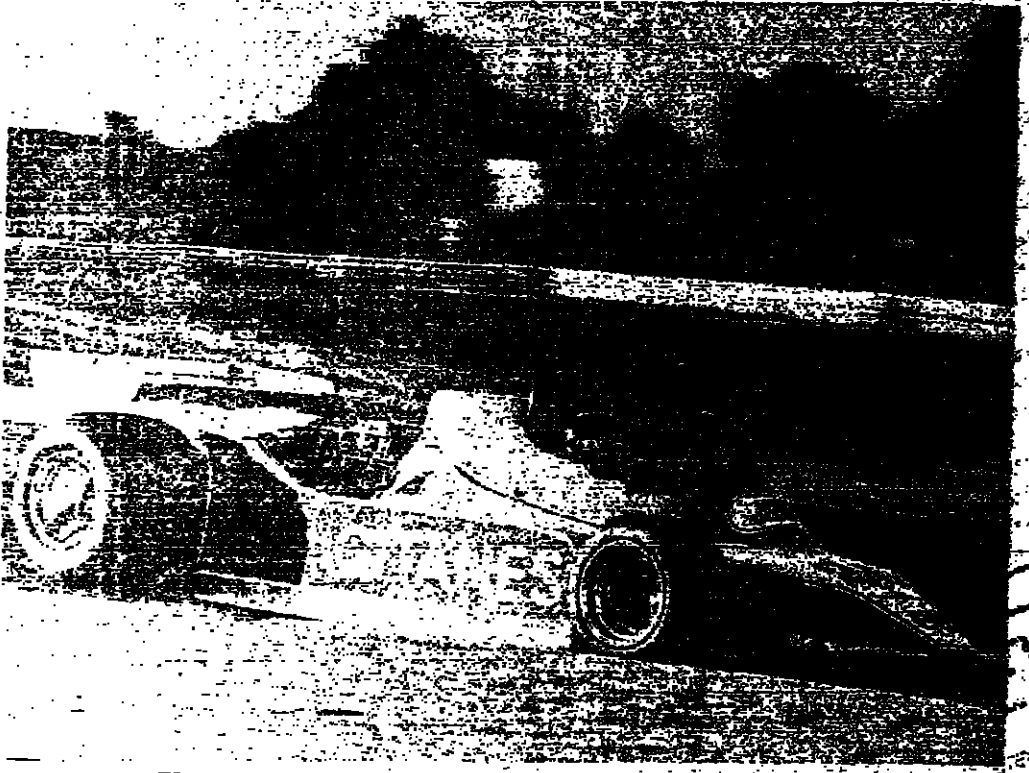
Ten years later, after many difficulties, he met real success. "Married" to Citroen through Maserati, he put together the "Citroen-SM" in his workshops. But the petrol crisis reduced his efforts to nothing. Guy Ligier had to lay off most of his staff, just keeping a nucleus of "indispensables". But, refusing to give up easily, he went over to making cabins for farm

tractors.

His enthusiasm for racing cars has never slackened. Yet, in August 1966, his car blew up on the Nurburgring circuit in West Germany. He suffered 47 fractures and the doctors wanted to cut off one of his legs. He refused—and, four months later, was back on the race track. But he gave up driving when his friend Jo Schlesser was killed in a race, and then went in for construction. He never forgot his friend and partner: the initials "JS" on his cars are those

of Jo Schlesser. That is the story of a small craftsman who rose to the level of a Ferrari. Ligier is not content with his laurels. He considers the two recent successes in Argentina and Brazil a beginning. The hard work is still to come. "A career of thought and improvement," he says. "For it is progress, others will be time in overtaking us."

(The French Broadcaster)



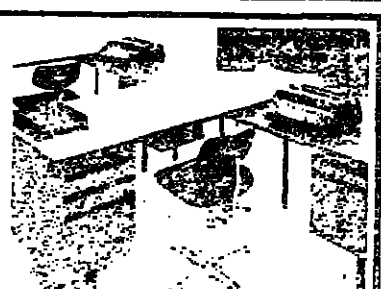
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## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Merr Arnold and Bob Lee

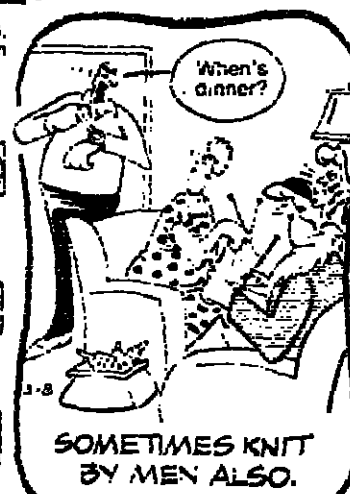
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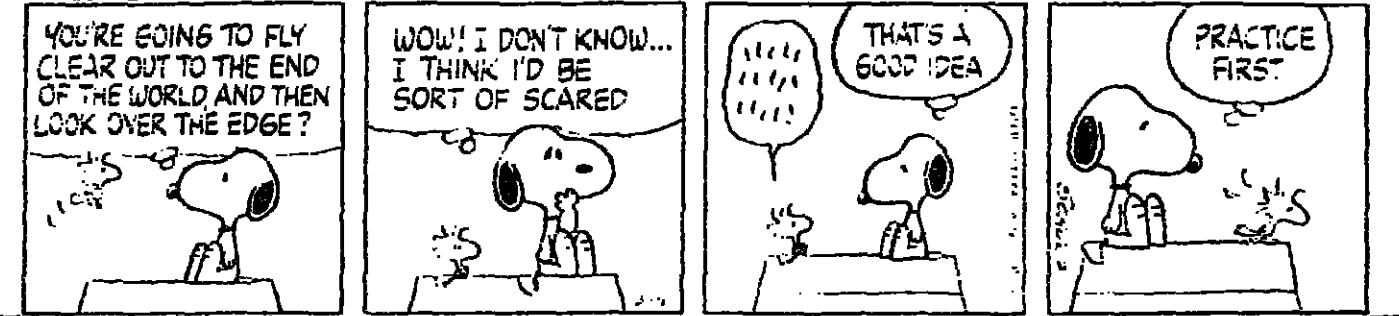


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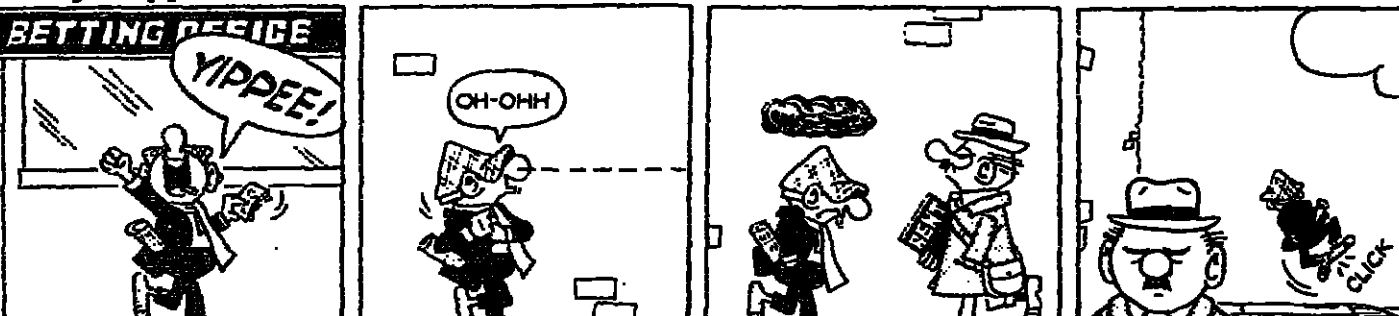
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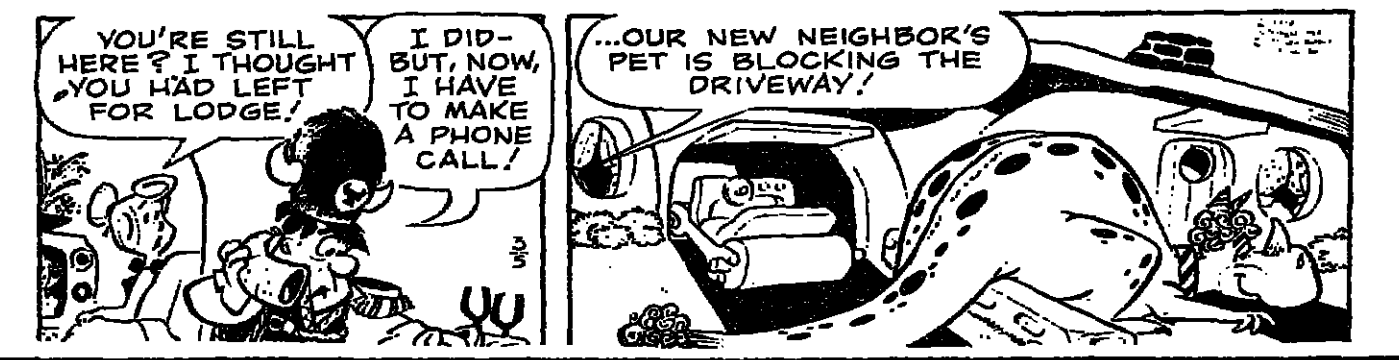
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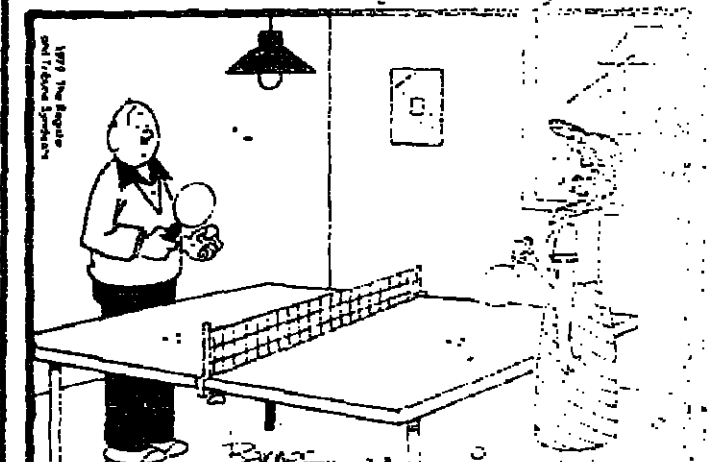


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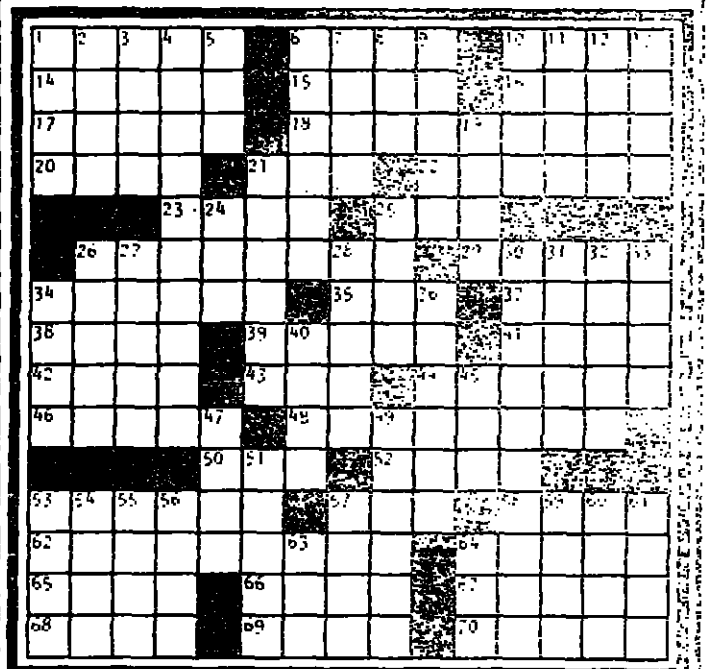
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15 Privy to  
16 Oil comb.  
17 With  
18 Raleigh  
20 Dog's snack  
21 Doctor's  
22 Church  
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25 Navy big  
26 Husky  
28 A president  
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38 Wide-eyed  
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41 Not any  
42 Fancy Dan  
43 Word of  
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46 Nostradamus  
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50 Poor actor  
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53 Language of  
57 A Baltimore  
58 Beverages  
59 Collections  
60 Savage  
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62 Angel  
63 headwear  
64 Tonic's  
65 Part of a  
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67 Silas Mar-  
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05:00 News, 24 Hours  
05:30 Sarah Ward  
05:45 World Today  
06:00 Newswatch: First Review  
06:30 These Musical Islands  
06:45 News, 24 Hours  
07:30 Sarah Ward  
07:45 Merchant Navy  
08:00 News, Reflections  
08:15 News, First Review  
09:15 World Today  
09:30 Financial News  
09:45 Look Ahead  
09:45 Music: Now  
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11:15 In the Mountains  
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12:45 Sports Round-up  
13:00 News, 24 Hours  
13:30 Radio Theatre  
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14:30 Magical Mystery Tour  
15:00 Radio Newswatch  
15:15 Outlook  
16:00 News, Commentary  
16:15 Theatre Call  
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22:35 The Week in Wales: Reflections  
22:55 Sports Round-up  
23:00 News, Commentary

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04:30 News, pop music, features, interviews  
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17:30 News Roundup  
17:30 Special English news  
18:30 Country Music USA  
19:00 News Roundup, report, opinion, analysis  
19:30 VOA Magazine: America, science, culture, letters  
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19:20 Arabic programme  
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20:40 News in English  
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19:00 Beirut (MEA)  
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Electric Power Co (emergency) ..... 223-587  
Fire headquarters ..... 91  
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Municipal water service ..... 113-500



# Planning session begins for 7-nation economic summit

**TOKYO, March 22 (AP)—**A two-day meeting in preparation for the seven-nation economic summit to be held here in June gets underway today against a backdrop of unresolved trade issues between Japan and the United States.

U.S. officials in the Japanese capital said the administration is finding it increasingly difficult to defend Japan against rising protectionist sentiment in the U.S. Congress. At the same time, the U.S. sources said, the Japanese appear to be more concerned about the protectionist mood of U.S. legislators than ever before.

## India's leadership slammed for erroneous announcement

**NEW DELHI, India, March 22 (AP)—**An opposition leader today demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Morarji Desai, announcing a false report that Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, an Indian elder statesman, had died.

Mr. Kamalapati Tripathi, a leader of former prime minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi's party, told the upper house of parliament after a brief adjournment that the government should take responsibility for its "inefficiency."

Earlier, the lower house was told that Mr. Narayan had died in hospital. But Mr. Narayan's secretary, in Bombay, said the 76-year-old reformist leader, a heart and kidney patient, was alive and responding to treatment.

Both houses of parliament

years. Japan has been accused of keeping markets closed to imported goods by means of non-tariff barriers such as import cartels and excessive red tape.

The U.S. trade deficit with Japan last year was \$11.55 billion, more than \$3.5 billion higher than two years before.

The rise in Japan's U.S.-bound exports has been greater than the yen's 30 per cent appreciation against the U.S. dollar during the same period, and the value of American exports to Japan has

not increased to the satisfaction of Japan's congressional critics.

American officials in Tokyo said the changes required to bring about a solution to the economic problems between the two countries are structural in nature and will require some time.

A Japanese economic commentator writing in the mass-circulation Yomiuri newspaper said, "The results of Japan-U.S. economic negotiations will greatly influence the (summit's) success or failure."

Japan's representative for multilateral trade negotiations, Mr. Nobuhiko Ushiba, is scheduled to travel to Washington with new proposals to open Japanese Government procurement to foreign bidders. U.S. businessmen have maintained that they have been barred from bidding on government and semi-government projects and that this has had an adverse effect on the U.S.-Japan trade balance.

The U.S.-Japan trade imbalance is expected to come up for discussions in today's pre-summit negotiations. Other matters to be discussed are the international currency issue, energy, North-South problems, trade and economic growth.

Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira is reported to be against setting gross national product (GNP) growth rates such as at the Bonn summit last June when Japan was given a seven per cent target to reach by the end of this month.

At today's pre-summit session, one of three to be held before June, delegates are expected to agree on which nations will be responsible for which sections of the summit agenda.



## 'One day of glory' for vintage locomotive

**LONDON—**The 1927-built King George V Steam locomotive majestically past one of British Rail's new high-speed trains for one day of glory. The occasion was a unique anniversary ceremony at Paddington Station in London. Pride of the old Great Western Railway, the King George V amazed Americans in 1927 when it crossed the Rocky Mountains. It was cleaned up and brought out of retirement from the

Swindon works to mark the 125th anniversary of Paddington Station, one of London's main terminals. The locomotive hauled 500 steam train enthusiasts to eleven coaches on a return trip to Didcot in Oxfordshire to the cheers of the young—and the young-at-heart—lining the 161-kilometre return route. (COI photo)

## Seeking 'new contacts' with interim leaders U.S., U.K. envoys begin new peace initiative in Rhodesia

**SALISBURY, Rhodesia, March 22 (AP)—**American and British envoys, mounting a new peace effort for Rhodesia, began talks here today with the three moderate black leaders in the transitional biracial government.

U.S. ambassador to Zambia Mr. Stephen Low and British foreign

official Mr. Robin Renwick arrived last night hours after the government announced plans to press ahead with elections despite a mounting guerrilla war.

A spokesman for the envoys said they would hold separate meetings with the three black leaders. White Prime Minister Ian Smith, who is in South Africa for a few days, is not expected to see the envoys.

Both countries have launched earlier initiatives, in vain, to bring peace to Rhodesia where 15,000 persons have lost their lives in six years of guerrilla war.

Britain remains internationally recognised as the sole authority over Rhodesia, a colony which broke from British rule in a unilateral declaration of independence in 1965. Sources say the United States is concerned that the Rhodesian conflict may internationalise and attract further expansion in Africa by the Soviet Union and Cuba.

In Salisbury, the two envoys were reluctant to discuss their mission. Mr. Renwick told the South African Press Association it was to make "new contacts" with the transition government of Prime Minister Smith. Bishop Abel

Muzorewa, The Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau.

The four leaders signed last year's March 3 accord promising limited black rule in this previously white-ruled territory for the first time next month.

But critics point out that whites, three per cent of the population, will hold 28 of 100 National Assembly seats and continue to control the armed forces, civil administration and judiciary.

The Salisbury government, responding to the weekend proposals for U.N. supervised elections, issued a statement yesterday urging the United States, Britain and the U.N. to send observers to monitor the polls.

The statement accused the United States and Britain of trying to divert the government away from elections, but added that no doors had been closed on further Anglo-American peace efforts.

British Foreign Secretary David Owen, speaking in Parliament yesterday, suggested the results of elections "could provide the opportunity for a different leadership in Salisbury to emerge in negotiations with the external nationalists."

## Economic measures described as 'nationwide mobilisation' Ecevit outlines Turkey's austerity plan

**ANKARA, March 22 (R)—**Turkish Premier Bülent Ecevit yesterday outlined a new austerity plan for his country's ailing economy, ruling out a devaluation and relying almost wholly on domestic remedies.

Mr. Ecevit's two-hour speech at his Republican Peoples Party (RPP) caucus, which was open to the press, was marked by a conspicuous absence of any mention of expected foreign financial aid.

Mr. Ecevit reiterated his government's stand on refusing a devaluation of the Turkish lira as demanded by the International

Monetary Fund (IMF) and criticised the fund's general policy towards countries in economic difficulties.

"The IMF generally requests from such countries an economic stability in the sense of stopping all economic growth. An economic stability in that sense would be totally unsuitable for Turkey which must assure a certain degree of economic development to counter its yearly population increase of three per cent, if for nothing else," he said.

"This is a prerequisite if the Turkish economy is to stand at all.

Turkey must assure stability in its economy along with a necessary degree of dynamism. In other words we must attain a dynamic stability as opposed to a static stability," Mr. Ecevit said.

The premier said it was a contradiction to expect Turkey to meet its huge foreign debt payments and at the same time to make its economy stay out without new investments to improve its foreign currency situation.

He described the new economic measures as a "nationwide mobilisation" and outlined six major targets: easing the critical foreign currency situation; increasing industrial output for export purposes; controlling price increases; curbing consumption and diverting savings to important investments; realising investments with a high promise of contributing to a more healthy economy; reducing unemployment and stabilising incomes.

The premier said the whole package of austerity measures was based on an attempt to mobilise Turkey's own resources for healing the economy.

Turkey which has massive external debts, an inflation rate of about 60 per cent and widespread unemployment, has been trying to persuade Western countries and banks to inject foreign aid into its troubled economy, far with little success.

The private industry sector would be required to attain a certain level of exportation before being eligible for foreign currency allotments and domestic credits, Mr. Ecevit said.

Foreign export procedures would be streamlined through a special government agency, to provide fuller coordination among exporting companies and also to minimise hampering bureaucracy.

Mr. Ecevit said measures to encourage foreign capital investment in Turkey would be adopted, but this would be done within certain rules to assure the protection of Turkey's interests.

Details of the government's policy on foreign capital investments would be made public soon, he said.

Unemployment, which is increasing at a rapid rate, is a major problem for Turkey. Mr. Ecevit said that the government would be taking steps to create jobs.

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## Fighting said 'fierce' in Afghanistan

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, March 22 (AP)—**A dissident Afghan Islamic leader yesterday claimed that fighting against the troops of President Nur Muhammad Taraki is going on in eight provinces, and demanded military assistance from Western countries, Arab nations and Pakistan to defeat the Marxist government in Kabul.

Professor Sirhjarullah Mojadeddi, chairman of the National Liberation Front (NLF), a grouping of Moslem dissidents fighting against the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan, told a press conference here yesterday: "Fierce fighting is going on in five provinces of Afghanistan, including Paktia, Kunhar, Nuristan, Rozaan and Mazare Sharif, while isolated incidents are taking place in three other provinces, including Nangarhar, Laghman and Badakhshan."

He said in some of the areas the government troops are so hard pressed that the Kabul government has cancelled the usual three-day Afghan New Year holiday, March 21-23.

Also present at the news conference was Dr. Mohammad Musa Tawana, secretary general of the NLF, which was formed in May, 1978, four weeks after the Soviet-backed Taraki government seized power by defeating former president Mr. Mohammad Daoud. Several smaller Islamic groupings, which want to oust the Taraki government, have merged into the NLF.

The front consists of groups

inside Afghanistan, as well as their friends in the United States, Arab countries and Europe. Professor Mojadeddi said. He claimed that it also includes a number of tribes, intellectuals, as well as a majority of the Moslem population in Afghanistan.

Replying to reporters' questions, Mr. Mojadeddi said: "Since the NLF was established in May, 1978, it has been trying to collect military equipment and ammunition to fight against the Taraki government. All countries, including Western nations, and Pakistan had closed the doors on us, and we

## Angola: 6 South African planes shot down

**LONDON, March 22 (R)—**The Angolan Defence Ministry yesterday said its armed forces shot down six South African combat aircraft along the border with Namibia (South West Africa) last week.

A Ministry communique, issued in Luanda and quoted in a message to Reuters, said the planes were shot down on March 13 and 14. It said wreckage from the downed planes and captured documents would be put on public view.

The communique said that since the destruction of the planes, South African aircraft have been avoiding areas defended by anti-aircraft guns.

The communique said: "The military situation in the south, particularly in Cunene Province bordering Namibia, continues to give cause for concern. Although the racist South African forces considerably reduced their air attacks after the swift response by our anti-aircraft missile installations on 13th and 14th March, violations of our border continue."

"In response to the threat to our border and after South Africa's rejection of the U.N. proposals for a peaceful solution to the problem of Namibia's independence...our units were ordered to shoot down any enemy plane violating our air space and attack any ground troops invading our territory," the communique said.

are being denied any equipment, even on a purchase basis. The Pakistan Government has put pressure on us, and refused to allow transport of any equipment through its territory to Afghanistan for use by the NLF fighters."

He told a correspondent, "China has offered no equipment or military assistance to the NLF or any other group." Asked whether they will accept the Chinese equipment, if offered, Mr. Mojadeddi said "yes, we will accept it if it is without any conditions."

He said Pakistan has helped the

Afghan refugees, totaling between 35,000 to 40,000, with some rations, but most of the refugees do not have even tents to live in. He expressed the hope other countries would assist the refugees on humanitarian grounds.

The dissident leader alleged that the Taraki government is making hundreds of arrests of NLF members and other Moslems every day. Many of them are being tortured more than you can imagine. The government prisons are full, and now the administration has started hiring private houses and buildings to detain the arrested dissidents who include old men, women and children," he added.

He said the Taraki government is being obeyed by less than one per cent of the population—which means only the communists.

Replying to questions, he said that Herat city, on the Afghan-Iranian border, is under control of the anti-government forces, mainly former government troops who have mutinied against Mr. Taraki.

He said the Afghan air force, which is Soviet-trained, has repeatedly strafed the dissident strongholds and the civilian villages during the past several weeks, causing a number of casualties.

Mr. Mojadeddi forecast that there will be a further escalation of fighting against the government. The Taraki government may not last more than a few weeks, he said in reply to questions.

## Malta's self-reliance breeds problems

By Godfrey Grima

**VALLETTA:** The goal of economic self-reliance is likely to remain distant for the tiny Mediterranean island of Malta. At the end of the year the country faces a budget deficit equal to £35 million — just nine months after the former British and NATO bases close down.

The forecast of such a hefty deficit, after years of relative abundance, was disclosed to parliament recently by Finance Minister Dr. Joseph Azzopardo while presenting this year's budget. It brings into sharp focus the new economic and political realities that will evolve after the closure of the bases.

In the immediate future, Malta will be unable to sustain her growth and keep her economy buoyant without depending heavily on foreign economic assistance. Tied to this situation is the question of who will emerge as Malta's major benefactor — whether Libya will do so by itself or jointly with France, Italy, Germany or even Algeria.

Whichever it is may very well affect the politics of Premier Dom Mintoff's government. The traditionally Westernised outlook of the Maltese and possibly Malta's

relations with Europe would be jeopardised in the event of Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Qadhafi emerging as guarantor of the island's economy.

What Malta needs most is enough time for economic activities, including manufacturing industry, tourism, agriculture, ship-repairing and now trans-shipment services, to expand.

This was clearly spelt out to Mr. Mintoff in 1973 by his economic advisors at that time. Britain's Lord Balogh and Professor Paul Streeton, after they had tried to create a seven year economic plan which could advance Malta to the point where it would not need to depend on foreign aid after the shut-down of the military bases.

Mr. Mintoff rejected their advice, believing that the island would still make it through any difficulties, however great.

In the event, due both to international conditions and developments at home, things have turned out very much as the two advisors had envisaged.

In October last year an attempt was made to revise some of the seven year plan targets. By then, however, reversing shortfalls proved difficult and the plan now is unlikely to serve as more than a

## When Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff won power eight years ago he promised to clear out the British military presence and adopt a policy of non-alignment. But with the final closure of the bases the economy is running into trouble.

guideline. Malta is still looking for an annual £35 million, exactly as much as is being lost in rent for the bases and from having 7,500 troops and their families living on the island.

Malta's major difficulty has been the failure of those in charge of industrial promotion to attract the scale and the quality of industrial schemes that were needed to provide adequate jobs and exports by 1979. With a worldwide recession, a tight investments promotion scheme to work with and an absence of expertise, the odds were not in Malta's favour.

Efforts to stimulate investment have, however, not been lacking and Malta, with its cost-competitiveness, its industrial sta-

bility and the availability of trainable and inexpensive labour, has in recent years managed to build up its GNP from £109 million in 1971 to £337 million in 1978.

Employment is also up, the number of people in work going from 99,110 to 116,167 in the same period. Exports rose from £67 million to £319 million, which helped reduce the island's trade gap to an all time low of £23 million last year.

But there are still serious difficulties. With industrial development the main problem has been to create and then keep jobs. Last year, for example, the opening of 27 factories brought with it 2,764 new jobs, yet because of labour shedding by other com-

panies, the gain was reduced to 1,000 jobs.

A confidential progress report, circulated at the end of last year by the Development Corporation, which is responsible for attracting industrial investment, says that 14 newly-approved schemes should create 923 new openings, while 51 projects approved earlier, but not yet in operation would provide another 4,052 jobs — a total of 5,000 new jobs.

While some scheme will never materialise and others will take longer than envisaged to come off the drawing board, it should take at least three years for the plans to be realised if last year's conditions continue. Problems could also get worse if the EEC goes ahead with its threat of cutting down its textile purchases from Malta before new markets are found. Textiles at present make up 34 per cent of the country's exports.

Time, more elbow room and a greater independence from the strict demands of ruling politicians is now also needed by the island's economic planners who must tackle the real problems Malta faces, rather than gloat on imaginary successes.

Last year exports rose by £16 million, but more than £10 million

was accounted for by the building of two cargo carriers by Malta Drydocks — something which may prove difficult to repeat this year. Manufacturing industry last year also lowered its contribution to GNP, while investments in 1978 appeared to have stagnated.

With the economy coming into deficit, Mr. Mintoff, who in the past has increased the scale of Maltese welfare benefits, may in future be forced to impose stiff taxation to keep these measures going. Already the charge is being made that by introducing a contributory national health scheme, the government is making the people pay more for state hospitals and medical care. The introduction of a new pension scheme has also been denounced as "daylight robbery" by civil service trade unions.

The task now facing Mr. Mintoff is to wean Malta away from depending heavily on foreign aid while ensuring that development and living standards continue to rise. It was on this ticket that his ruling Labour Party drove the opposition Nationalists from power eight years ago.

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## World New Briefs

India: Nearly 2,000 trapped by avalanches

**NEW DELHI, India, March 22 (AP)—**Nearly 2,000 trapped by avalanches in Pin Valley, in the northern Himalayas, a state government spokesman said. "We have no way of knowing whether they are dead," spokesman A.L. Jain told the Associated Press in New Delhi. Information is that altogether 230 persons have died so far in the villages in the Pin Valley are completely cut off from the rest of the world. Mr. Jain said there had been a series of avalanches swept through the region early this morning. Mr. Jain said, Army, police and civilian personnel sent to the disaster area, but Mr. Jain said there had been whether they had reached the stricken villages, a 40-km from the nearest helicopter base. Relief operations were in other parts of the state where Indian air force helicopters dropping food packets, blankets and medicine to the lagers.

Record crowds attend Pope's weekly audience

**VATICAN CITY, March 22 (R)—**Crowds gathering for Pope Paul's weekly general audience yesterday broke all previous records, reaching an estimated 35,000 people. Rome traffic on the day of the Pope's weekly audience was the worst in years — with the Easter holiday still to come. To deal with the Pope's weekly audience, the Vatican has built a new Vatican courtyard, one in St. Peter's Basilica and another in the Vatican Museums. The Pope's weekly audience is a tradition that began in 1964 when Pope John XXIII first appeared in the Vatican courtyard. The Pope's weekly audience is a tradition that began in 1964 when Pope John XXIII first appeared in the Vatican courtyard.

U.S. doctors report new transplant technique

**MADISON, Wisconsin, March 22 (R)—**Two U.S. doctors reported carrying out a heart transplant operation using a new technique they hope will combat rejection. They implanted a second heart in Mrs. Jean Branch, 47, leaving the diseased heart still inside her — and also some bone marrow from the heart donor in her chest. Doctors Donald Kahn and Richard Hong said they hope the marrow would produce white blood cells which would help Branch's body more likely to accept the new heart. She is in good condition in the University of Wisconsin-Madison, they said. If the technique proved successful, the way for the transplant of other organs subject to rejection would be opened.

Ethiopia seeks U.N. aid for refugees

**NAIROBI, March 22 (AP)—**Ethiopia has appealed to the United Nations to establish a special fund to aid refugees in Africa. The call was made yesterday by Ethiopian Minister Goshu Wolde in an address to an international symposium being held here. Colonel Goshu, leaving delegation to the symposium, opened by Kenyan Foreign Minister on Monday, said: "This symposium should through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) form a special fund for refugees children who are in pathetic conditions in southern Africa." He made the delegates from the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), which is fighting a guerrilla war to topple the Rhodesian government, and South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), battling South African control of Namibia, detailed reports on the plight of refugees in their countries. Mr. Isaan Makungu, chief of social services in Zambia, said that the country's medical facilities had been stretched to the limit. He said that often Zambian patients charged prematurely from hospitals to give way for more injured refugees.

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